

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 830
By Mumpower

A RESOLUTION to propose amendment of Article III, Section 17,
of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, to
provide for popular election of the secretary of
state.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED
THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE
CONCURRING, that a majority of all the members of each house concurring, as shown by the
yeas and nays entered on their journals, that it is proposed that:

Article III, Section 17, of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee be amended by
deleting the following language:

A secretary of state shall be appointed by joint vote of the General
Assembly, and commissioned during the term of four years;
and by substituting instead the following:

A secretary of state shall be elected by the qualified voters of the state
and shall hold office for a term of four years; the secretary of state shall be at
least thirty years of age, shall be a citizen of the United States, and shall have
been a citizen of this state at least five years prior to election;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon ratification of the amendment proposed herein
at the November 2006 general election, popular elections for secretary of state shall commence
at the November 2008 general election and shall be held every four (4) years thereafter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon ratification of the amendments proposed herein
at the November 2006 general election, until the November 2008 general election, the general
assembly shall retain its current power and authority to fill the office of secretary of state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing be referred to the One Hundred Fourth General Assembly and that this resolution proposing such amendment be published in accordance with Article XI, Section 3, of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk of the house of representatives is directed to deliver a copy of this resolution to the secretary of state.